

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Redistricting for Elementary School 2005

ITEM NO: 13A

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MEETING: November 9, 2004
ACTION DATE: November 9, 2004

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the Board approve the proposed attendance zone recommendation as provided to the Superintendent by the Elementary School Redistricting Committee.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ **School Board considered recommendation at October 26 meeting and asked staff to resolve a transportation question and organize a visitation opportunity for those families from Ferry Farm Elementary School who potentially would be asked to move to Grafton Village Elementary School. An invitation went out to all impacted families on October 29 inviting them to an open house on November 2. Four families were in attendance on this evening. Additional opportunities to visit the school, receive information, and tour were provided on November 4 at 9:30 a.m. and November 5 at 2:15 p.m. Additional information regarding projected school bus travel time for an elementary student from home to Grafton Village Elementary School was provided to parent who requested.**
- ◆ After holding public hearings at Falmouth, Grafton Village and Ferry Farms Elementary School staff has organized and attached all public feedback. (See attachment)
- ◆ Attendance at the public hearings was as follows: Falmouth – 8 attendees, Grafton Village – 14 attendees, Ferry Farms – 16 attendees, for a total attendance at all public hearings of 37 attendees.
- ◆ At each public hearing a show of hands was taken to determine those in favor of the proposed redistricting vs. those in opposition. The votes were as follows: Falmouth – all 8 attendees were in favor of the committee's redistricting proposal, Grafton Village – 11 of the 14 were in favor of the committee's redistricting proposal, Ferry Farms – 12 of the attendees, by show of hands, indicated they opposed the move from Ferry Farms to Grafton Village and 4 of the attendees, by show of hands, indicated opposition to the proposed move from Ferry Farms to the new elementary school at Leeland Station.
- ◆ Those attendees at the Ferry Farms public hearing expressed a desire to be given the option to allow their children currently attending Ferry Farms to complete elementary school at Ferry Farms through a waiver/transfer option, whereby they provide

transportation.

- ◆ At each public hearing there were concerns expressed about the new elementary school in Leeland Station being completed and ready to open in September 2005. Dr. Murray and/or Dr. Nougaret addressed these specific concerns at each meeting.
- ◆ Per School Board policy 7-12 an elementary school redistricting committee has been meeting over the last two months in an effort to reach a consensus on a proposed elementary school attendance zone for the county's newest elementary school set to open in September of 2005.
- ◆ The Redistricting Committee consist of the following members:
 1. Ann Lewis – Ferry Farm Principal
 2. Beth McKinney – Ferry Farm Parent Representative
 3. Julie Allen – Ferry Farm Teacher
 4. Theresa Aberg – Grafton Village Principal
 5. Suzanne Gehrts – Grafton Village Teacher
 6. Mary Podlesney – Grafton Village Parent Representative
 7. Gayle Thyrring – Falmouth Principal
 8. Michelle Repass – Falmouth Teacher
 9. Sarah Chase – Falmouth Parent Representative
 10. Tom Coen – Long Range Planning Committee Chair
- ◆ In addition to the objectives identified in Policy 7-12 the committee determined that some of their primary goals in establishing a new attendance zone included:
 1. Achieving an overall student enrollment balance relative to the capacities of the four facilities involved.
 2. To the extent possible, avoid moving areas/subdivisions that have recently been affected by attendance zone moves.
 3. While creating a new attendance zone, adjust the existing attendance zones such that they can accommodate immediate, and projected, growth within their boundaries without the need for additional attendance zone changes within the near future.
- ◆ As a result of the committee's efforts, a proposed new attendance area was created that included the additional movement of students from Ferry Farms Elementary School into Grafton Village Elementary School upon the opening of the new elementary school in September 2005.
- ◆ The proposed new elementary school attendance zone would consist of the following Area Planning Units (APUs), subdivisions and nonsubdivision streets within those APUs:

SUBDIVISION	APU
TOWERING OAKS ESTATES	101
APU 120 NON-SUB STREETS	120
BEL AIR HEIGHTS	120

HEATHER HILLS	120
HICKORY RIDGE	120
HIGHLAND HOMES	120
HUNTINGTON HILLS	120
LEELAND STATION	120
MISTY FOREST	120
NORTH POTOMAC	120
THE OAKS OF HILAND HOMES	120
R HILL	120
APU 121 NON-SUB STREETS	121
POTOMAC RUN FARM	121
DEACON WOODS	130
HAMLIN HILLS	130
RIDGE POINTE	130
UPPER REDOUBT HEIGHTS	130
WOODLAWN	130
FALMOUTH VILLAGE	130
LEELAND HEIGHTS	130
APU 136 NON-SUB STREETS	136
CHATHAM HEIGHTS	136
CHATHAM HEIGHTS	136
CHATHAM VILLAGE	136
EAST CHATHAM HEIGHTS	136
EAST CHATHAM HEIGHTS	136
APU 137 NON-SUB STREETS	137
BROOKFIELD	137
BROOKFIELD HILLS	137
APU 138 NON-SUB STREETS	138
CHARLESTOWN COMMONS	138
HOLLY RIDGE	138
LITTLE FALLS VILLAGE	138
TOWN & COUNTRY	138
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- ◆ Those proposed areas to move from Ferry Farms Elementary School to Grafton Village Elementary School in conjunction with the establishment of the new elementary school attendance zone would consist of the following subdivisions and nonsubdivision streets:

SUBDIVISION/STREET	APU
BELLE OAKS ESTATES	133
WOOD LANDING ESTATES	133
MARSHALL WOODS	133
SHEA ESTATES	133
SYLVAN GLEN	133
FOXBERRY	133
WOODLANDING VILLAGE	133
BETHEL CHURCH ESTATES	133
SANDY RIDGE	133
SYCAMORE RIDGE	133
BATTERY RIDGE	133

BELLE PLAINS RD (2-180)	133
BRAD LN	133
BRADSHAW LN	133
NEWTON RD.	133
APPARATION LN	133
CAPTAIN B LN	133
FANNIES LN	133
DOBSON LN	133
FINES LN	133
WELL LN	133
DORIAN LN	133
SANDY RIDGE RD	133
BETHEL CHURCH RD	133
BLACK MARSH RD	133
DEEP MEADOW LN	133
DORIS DR	133
PUDDING HILL RD	133
WOOD LANDING RD	133
JAPAZAWS LN	133
HOE CAKE LN	133
GLEBE RD	133
WHITE OAK RD (697-1600)	133

- ◆ The total projected number of students affected by the proposed redistricting, per school, is as follows:

From:	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Falmouth	380	412	445	477	506
Ferry Farm	35	38	38	38	38
Grafton Village	330	330	330	330	330
	745	780	813	844	874

From:					
<i>Ferry Farm to Grafton</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>60</i>

- ◆ As a result, the projected enrollments for the four affected schools upon the opening of the new elementary school in September 2005 under the proposed redistricting would be as follows:

Enrollment:	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Falmouth	640	648	665	675	683
Ferry Farm	655	655	673	684	691
Grafton Village	643	696	710	723	725
Elem05	745	780	813	844	874

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: #4 – Address the impact of continuing population growth by developing plans to address expanding staff, facilities, transportation, attendance zones and instruction

#5 – Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

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